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Conservation Strategy: Species List Limitations

Subject :

As we discussed at the March 27 meeting, we need to be clear about the nature and proposed use of any "species lists" that the CALFED Bay-Delta Program produces. To not clarify what the list is, as well as what it is not, could create an unnecessary firestorm of criticism. Therefore, I offer the following for helping better define the intended function.

First, I suggest it clearly be labeled a draft or preliminary "Delta Species" list. Note that this is the first species list to be produced and that additional lists for other geographic areas in which the Program may have an affect will be forthcoming. Commit to releasing these lists for public review and comment as we're doing with this list.

The preliminary Delta List is intended to be a list of delta dependent species to be addressed in the Conservation Strategy. Inclusion of a species on this list in no way indicates a final finding, recommendation, permit or policy position by the CALFED agencies with regard to any species included or excluded from the list. This list is the first step in what will be an iterative process to determine what species might be covered by the Conservation Strategy, what is known about the species needs and present conditions, what is known about potential beneficial or detrimental effects on a species or its habitat, and what species will be the subject of a future permitting decisions pursuant to California or federal endangered species laws.

That's about it, Marti. Please call if you'd like to discuss this.

Mike - Only comments from DFG were on BATS -
Need to include red bat (shaded), Pallid bat (shaded)
And lump the P. townsendii. Red bat will be a CSC
but isn't right now so would go under OTHER - I think
Pallid already is. No one else was around; we need to
make sure it gets to them along w/ the state tables

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